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WAR MOTHERS

To have brought a son into the world who lays his life upon the altar of his country in the holy name of freedom is the greatest glory that can be obtained by any woman on this earth. Position in society, wealth and distinction in the ordinary walks of life all pale into insignificance beside the high honor conferred upon a mother who smother her grief and sends her boy forth to be among men and if need be to make the supreme sacrifice in defense of suffering humanity, home and native land. Ofttimes she drains the cup of sorrow to the very dregs, but she answers "it is well" when the final test comes. It is to his mother that the boy writes upon the eve of battle and his last thoughts are of her if he receives a mortal wound. The bond between mother and son is the most perfect relationship that exists on earth and can only be broken by death. This is why we all agree that the greatest sacrifice in war is made by the mother of a soldier.

The boy himself realizes that the call of his country is imperative and that no brave son of America will falter or hang back because of the certainty of danger and the possibility of death upon the battlefield. So he manfully shoulders his rifle and marches away to perform the duty to which he has been called. The knights of old were never more bold or courageous. The only sign of softness comes at the solemn moment of parting with that dear mother who brought him into the world, nurtured him through childhood and taught him to cherish and love the flag of his country. He knows her heartstrings are wrenched at the parting and that she would gladly lay down her life for him if he could be saved with honor from the maelstrom of battle. But he also knows that in her heart of hearts she is very proud of him and that she would not hold him back when the sons of other devoted and patriotic women step proudly forth to do or die.

When he is finally compelled to tear himself away from her fond embraces he knows that her love and prayers will follow him to the end and he is buoyed up by the thought that when it is all over he will once more clasp her in his arms forget for the moment the exchanging of blows upon the field of battle and all the horrors of war, and once again become as tender as a little child. In that glad hour the sacrifices made by both mother and son fade away and the old relationship is reestablished and the mother is more proud of her son than ever. Unfortunately there is another side to this picture and the fact is brought home when we realize that a great battle is in progress and that many of the hundreds of thousands of American lads engaged will never return home and that the fond mothers who have been agonizing ever since the first shot was fired will watch and wait in vain. The casualty lists with their fateful news will come at last and will bring grief and sorrow to households all over the land. Here the first born will have fallen fighting manfully. There the Benjamin of the family will have yielded up his life and the hearts of all will be filled with gloom and sorrow.

But the blow will fall hardest upon the mother who risked her life to give birth to a man child only to have him summoned to go forth and die for his country in his early manhood. Yet she will smile through her tears and look up with that perfect faith which passeth all understanding and thank God even in her

hour of affliction that unto her has been the glory of furnishing a defender of the faith and a martyr to the cause of humanity. Such a woman would not recall her son from the cold embrace of death and have him go through life with a stain upon his honor and a blot upon his manhood, even if it were possible, for she knows that her grief would be unbearable had he proved recreant and shown the white feather when all brave American youths were called upon to cross the seas, stop the advance of the barbarian hordes and beat them back from the fair fields of France and Belgium. It is painful to dwell upon such a subject, but as the Utah war mothers have banded themselves together for mutual aid and comfort we wish to assure them that all patriotic men and women in the state take pride in them for the sacrifices they have made and will share to the utmost in their grief and sorrow in their day of trial and tribulation.—Salt Lake Tribune

MORALITY IN THE ARMY

One marked feature of the present war has been the almost paternal solicitude of the United States government, as manifested through its military and naval authorities, for the moral wellbeing of its soldiers and sailors, the extent and efficiency to which this interest has been exerted being entirely new in the history of nations.

This attitude of our government is the result of numerous conclusions forced upon it not only by the growing spirit of the age which steadily tends toward moral uplift, but also by lessons learned through Spanish war experiences.

This spirit of the age is the gradual growth of a moral and spiritual refinement which has been long manifesting itself in the political, social and religious activities of American life, moving on with increasing power, gathering strength like the rolling snowball, until it has come to be a force against which the waves of the liquor traffic and the currents of the underworld beat in vain; for the power of the Almighty is behind it.

The Spanish war was a strenuous object lesson as to the bold, lawless way in which the force of evil could rush into the great army camps to demoralize and destroy the morale of the American soldier. Stories that came to the public ear from some of these camps startled and shocked the decent, religious element of the nation. Except in a few instances the officers did not seem to think the moral welfare of their men was any particular concern of theirs, except within

rather loosely defined limits. So the gambler, the lewd woman, the saloon-keeper and others of their ilk set up trade near the camps, with the lamentable result that many a young soldier who went to the colors free from moral taint, returned home grievously impaired and bearing seeds of disease calculated not only to make his own life miserable, but to be transmitted through the third and fourth generations of posterity.

The denizens of the underworld thought they saw their opportunity again when war with Mexico was threatened, and they flocked to the border. But by this time the sense of the nation had been awakened; and, being reflected through the national administration, the vile brood of buzzards were early checkmated. They found an organized system of moral forces arrayed against them and it was not long before they became convinced that their doom had been pronounced in advance.

Still more complete has been the course of the authorities since the United States came into the war with Germany. A most thoroughly organized move was made in the outset to protect our soldiers and sailors from the immoral harpies ready to prey upon them both in this country and in Europe; and the effort has been attended with such success that the confident assertion is that the boys have been shielded from vice even better than they were at home. It has excited the wonderment of other nations to such an extent that they, too, are proceeding to follow the example thus set, as they see the lastingly beneficial effects upon the American soldier in the field and the American sailor on the sea.—Deseret News.

MRS. BENNEUT
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"For the past eighteen years my wife was a sufferer from rheumatism in one of its worst forms," said William Bennett, who is employed by one of the large saw mills at Redmond, Wash., recently.

"Whenever these attacks came on," he continued, "she would get so weak and crippled up, that she would have to take to her bed, where she would lie for two or three weeks at a time, suffering untold agonies and unable to move. Her left foot was drawn all out of shape so it was useless to her. Her stomach, too, was all out of order, she had no appetite, and although she was just as careful as she could be about her dieting, her food would sour on her stomach and cause her great distress afterwards. Her nervous system seemed to be shattered and her rest was so broken at night that she could hardly sleep. Her arms and throat appeared to be withered, the skin soft and flabby, and she was just about as miserable as anybody ever gets to be. For years she had been too weak and ailing to do any of her housework, and what time she wasn't in bed she was barely able to get around.

"I consulted specialists about her case but they could give me no hope and I took her to one of the most celebrated health resorts in the country, hoping she would be benefited through drinking the water, but it seemed to do her no good. Then she tried all kinds of medicines, but not until she started taking Tanlac did she find any relief whatever. After taking a few bottles of this wonderful medicine we are prepared to say that Tanlac is the only thing we have any faith in. Her last attack of rheumatism was all of two months ago, and she hasn't had a twinge since. Her twisted foot is getting back into its normal position, and that ben finger is getting straight and supple like the others. Her stomach is in such splendid condition that she can eat anything that she wants without suffering any bad effects afterwards. Her arms and neck are filling out, and are plump and firm, and she sleeps like a child every night. She is now able to do all her housework and she is in better condition than she has been in many years."

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